

Sadat: War inevitable current bid fails

President Anwar Sadat Monday Egypt, backed by Arab states, notably rich Arabia, will launch a "peace offensive" against Israel, current peace efforts fail, "essing a meeting of the one Judicial Council," Sadat all Arab states, particularly Arabia, support Egypt's position is to seek a peace settlement possible, and to resort to an war, if we are forced to, in settlement is not possible." amascus, the organ of the ruling party, "al-Baath," yesterday that there is no d for optimism over the cts of a Geneva Middle East conference.

Optimism is only in the minds Americans and Israelis," the aper said. "It is intended to the reality of the situation. Union is that this optimism is eed and has no support as far requirements of a just settle- are concerned," it said.

are not opposed to the idea of or are we against Geneva. r belief is based on the actions other party (Israel), long as the basic issues are aging with no solution and as

Shells hit S. Lebanon villages

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
METULLA. — At least one person was killed and eight wounded in terrorist artillery attacks on the eastern enclave in South Lebanon yesterday. The terrorist attacks began with sniping on Lebanese who were working on new water pipeline projects close to the Beaufort Castle, west of the Litani River.

Later the terrorists holding the castle shelled Christian villages, killing a 23-year-old man in Der Mimnas and wounding others, one of them seriously. The Christians returned the fire. One of the wounded was flown by an Israeli military helicopter to hospital in Haifa, where an operation was performed.

AP reports from Nabatiya that Palestinian positions there came under artillery fire yesterday and that at least two persons were killed. The Palestinians said the shelling came from "either Christian positions or from Israel," about 12 kms. to the south. The shelling is reported to have been the heaviest since the cease-fire went into effect on September 28.

In Beirut, the police reported that four Christians who had been kidnapped were found murdered yesterday at a Druze mountain stronghold about 20 kms. east of the city.

Mayor may meet PLO in Beirut

By ZVI ARENSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
— The current visit of Mayor Shawa to Beirut is raising a question that he will take the opportunity to meet with PLO representatives there on the possibility of being part of a Palestinian delegation to the Geneva conference.

Speculation was denied last by Shawa's daughter, Laila, said that her father went to Beirut with her brother on family business.

Shawa's visit to Beirut coincides the dispatch of a letter to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim signed by the Mayor and more than 10 other notables from Gaza.

Dr. Heider Abdel-Shafi, head of the local Red Crescent Society, who wrote the letter told The Jerusalem Post last night that it reaffirmed the conviction of Gazans that the PLO is the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Asked whether Mayor Shawa could be considered as a candidate to represent the Palestinians at Geneva, Dr. Abdel-Shafi said that the PLO had the right to appoint whomever they wished to represent them.

31 on West Bank held as Fatah

Post Military Correspondent
Security forces have arrested 31 persons on the West Bank on suspicion of being members of the Fatah terrorist organization, the Army spokesman said last night. The suspects belong to three cells, in el-Bireh near Ramallah, in Asir el-Bahitya near Nablus, and in Yabed near Jenin.

The members of the el-Bireh cell are thought to have been responsible for laying explosives at a soldiers' hitchhiking post at Beit Hanina just north of Jerusalem, in November 1976 and January 1978. No one was hurt. Arms, ammunition and sabotage material were found in their possession.

A supply route to Jenin is believed to have twice laid explosives at the house of a local resident they suspected of collaborating with the Israeli authorities.

Jordanians protest Iraqi ing of student 'spy'

IAN (UPI). — Hundreds of Jordanians waving banners and shouting slogans against Iraq held through Amman yesterday buried a 24-year-old student in Baghdad last month as a own with Iraq, down with this crime," shouted demonstrators in procession against the Iraq army. Heavily armed Jordanians and armoured cars ringed the usy. No violence was reported.

A funeral for Rayid Butros ydeh came two days after Jor-severed all educational ex-

Washington pleased

JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT
WASHINGTON. — U.S. officials, pleased by the Cabinet decision last night, will now present the working paper to the Arab Governments.

There is some concern, however, that Arabs might reject it, looking on revisions and amendments. American officials, for example, fear that the Arabs — specifically

Unanimous cabinet approval for Geneva working paper



Prime Minister Begin as he left hospital in Tel Aviv yesterday. At right is his wife, Aliza. Standing behind him is his physician, Dr. Shlomo Laniado.

BEGIN LEAVES HOSPITAL

TEL AVIV (Iltm). — Prime Minister Menachem Begin left Ichilov Hospital here yesterday morning, looking rested but slightly pale after his 21-day confinement for treatment of a minor heart ailment.

"With the help of the excellent doctors and nurses I feel fine," the 64-year-old Premier told reporters on the lawn outside the hospital.

He embraced Dr. Shlomo Laniado, who has been treating him for pericarditis (inflammation of the heart membrane) together with Dr. Eliahu Lurie, before taking leave of his fellow patients and setting off for Jerusalem.

Although he was permitted to attend yesterday's crucial Cabinet meeting, his doctors have recommended that he take things easy at home for the next few days.

By DAVID LANDAU and ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporters
The Cabinet last night unanimously approved the working paper for the Geneva talks that Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance drafted in the U.S. last week.

The Cabinet Secretary read a brief statement to newsmen saying: "The Cabinet has decided to approve the working paper on suggestions for the resumption of the Geneva Conference as agreed upon by the President of the U.S. and the Secretary of State with Foreign Minister Dayan on October fifth."

Observers noted immediately that the Cabinet had not affixed any qualifications, reservations or conditions to its approval of the paper. The Cabinet Secretary, indeed, stressed that "no appendices or stipulations" had been added. "The statement speaks for itself," he said. Though pressed by newsmen, he refused even to interpret the words in the statement "as agreed upon" as an oblique reference to the "protocol" which Dayan signed together with the working paper.

This reportedly contained Israel's rejection of the U.S.-Soviet joint communiqué, its clear-out refusal to agree to PLO representation at the peace conference, and its refusal to even discuss the establishment of a Palestinian state. The Cabinet is apparently satisfied that these basic conditions are sufficiently implicit in the working paper itself.

While the approval of the working paper had been expected, many observers believed the Cabinet would add qualifications or reservations stressing Israel's position on the PLO-Palestinian issue. Apparently, though, the U.S. had insistently pressed for a straight approval untrammelled by additional qualifications, so as not to encumber Washington in its efforts to "sell" the working paper to the Arab parties.

Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor said further diplomatic contacts would now follow, as preparations proceeded for the reconvening of Geneva "soon — as we all desire."

Naor, plainly restricted in what he was allowed to say to the crowd of local and overseas newsmen, was reluctant to divulge details of the Cabinet debate. He noted that it was "the longest ever of this Cabinet" because the issue is so serious and important.

While he stressed repeatedly that the final decision had been approved "unanimously and without objections," he implied that several of the ministers had expressed doubts about the working paper during the course of the debate. He would not say whether ministers had actually put forward alternative proposals to reject the paper or hedge Israel's acceptance of it with specific conditions.

Dayan had opened the five-hour Cabinet session with a two-hour report on his series of talks in Washington and New York, and on the text and significance of the working paper.

The working paper is understood to include a unilateral Arab delegation, including Palestinians, to attend the formal opening session or sessions of the conference. This unilateral delegation would remain in existence throughout. At the same time there would be multi-party Arab delegations that would discuss with Israel such issues as the West Bank, Gaza, the Strip and the refugee problem. Bilateral matters would be negotiated between Israel and each Arab state individually, and the ultimate treaties will be signed with each Arab state, not with the joint delegation.

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Czech couple hijack plane to West Germany

FRANKFURT (UPI). — Two Czechoslovak airline employees hijacked one of the company's planes yesterday and forced it at gunpoint to fly west to West Germany, where they asked for political asylum, the police have reported.

The hijackers were taken into custody, and legal authorities said it was certain they would be tried in line with the West German Government's determination to stamp out terrorism.

A Czech who hijacked a plane to West Germany previously, was sentenced to eight years imprisonment in March.

The police said that a 29-year-old man and a 21-year-old woman friend, both ground employees of the state-run Czech Airline, flew as passengers on a domestic flight yesterday and forced the pilot to cross the border into Germany and land at Frankfurt. The plane was carrying 26 passengers and a crew of three.

The couple brandished a pistol and revolver when they took over the aircraft, which was on a flight from Karlovy Vary, the former Carlsbad, to Prague.

In Prague, airport authorities said the man, an air traffic control inspector, was wanted on a charge of stealing a large sum of money and a camera from his pregnant mistress. They said a warrant of arrest had been issued for him yesterday morning.

This raised the possibility that Czechoslovakia would ask for his extradition, but legal authorities said no extradition agreement exists between the Prague and Bonn Governments.

Marchers prefer the 'Burma Road'

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Autumnal weather and summery spirits marked the annual Jerusalem March yesterday, as 50,000 hikers converged on the capital by four routes through the Judean Hills.

The "Burma Road," hacked out as a supply route to beleaguered Jerusalem in 1948, was utilized for the first time as a march route and drew the largest crowd. Historical explanations were provided along the way.

Most of the marchers, including 1,000 from abroad, participated in the concluding parade down Jaffa Road in the afternoon.



Gadna youth lift high their tambourines as they march down Jerusalem's Jaffa Road during yesterday's march.

El Al plans fare cuts on economy flights to Europe and the U.S.

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
El Al general manager Mordechai Ben-Ari told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday that the airline will soon make big cuts in its fares for Israelis flying to Europe and the U.S. He said that this would be done by economizing on services for the traveller and at the expense of comfort.

In the second half of November, as soon as approval has been received from the U.S. and Israeli governments, El Al will provide a section for "vacationers" on its flights to the U.S. The two-way fare, including a seven-day stay, for groups of at least 30, will be \$499 a person. The lowest fare today is \$628. Individual travellers will be able to fly to the U.S. and back for \$850, but their exact flight date will be fixed only a week in advance.

No food will be served on these cheap flights and the seating will be more crowded than at present. However, travellers will be able to buy food before embarking.

From April, El Al hopes to get approval from the International Air Transport Association for cheap flights to Europe. The reductions on these flights will be even bigger than those to the U.S. because they will include a 30 to 60 day stay, depending on the price of the ticket.

Fares for Israelis will be the same as those for foreigners, so that the former will actually get a bigger reduction. The cut in fares will range from 25 to 70 per cent, depending on the season, the length of stay abroad, and whether it is a group flight.

A single fare to London, for example, will be \$450-\$514, return throughout the year, instead of \$791 as today. A trip to Paris will cost \$438-\$495 instead of \$762.

Group flights in the winter will be even cheaper — \$245 per person, up to a maximum of \$365.

Ben-Ari said that the new rates were in line with proposals he had made to IATA as early as 1973.

In reply to questions, Ben-Ari said that El Al's management believes that labour relations in the company can be improved only by setting up a joint workers' council which alone should be empowered to decide on strikes by a special majority decision. Labour disputes should be brought before the Board on Agreed Arbitration. Also, El Al should have a disciplinary court with a chairman from outside the company. The areas of responsibility of management and workers should be re-defined so as to prevent disputes of jurisdiction.

p priority for industries d schools in new settlements

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Inter-ministerial committee the development of new settlements has authorized the construction of 10,000 sq.m. of industrial buildings in new settlements on the Bank, the Golan Heights and around Haifa. The planning and construction of the industrial areas is to be completed by the end of the current fiscal year.

The committee's chairman, Deputy Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, Yitzhak Peretz said the new settlements would rate priority in getting Government finance. The committee, is composed of representatives of all the ministries concerned in the establishment and development of settlements.

A decision applies to Eilon Moreh (Kaddum), Pe'erim (Mess'ha) and Ofrah. By the end of November, a building to house seven school classes will be constructed in Eilon Moreh. Within a month, also, the registration and screening of settlers will start for the urban centre Mess'ha Ephraim, which will be settled by March 1978. It will serve the agricultural settlements in the Jordan Rift Valley.

All these settlements were established under the previous government.

The inter-ministerial committee should not be confused with the joint Government-Zionist Organization committee on settlement and with the newly established Cabinet settlement committee headed by Minister of Agriculture Ariel Sharon.

Philippine Moslems slaughter soldiers at 'peace' talks

MANILA (UPI). — A brigadier general of the Philippine army and his officers and men were gunned down by Moslem rebels during a "peace meeting" in a marketplace on Mindanao, about 950 kms south of Manila, a government spokesman said today.

Gen. Teodoro Bautista, 49, the 32 soldiers were killed in a sudden burst of gunfire shortly after the general shook hands with Uman Sali, a top commander of the secessionist Moro National Liberation Front, the spokesman said.

Bautista was the highest ranking military officer to have been killed in the five years of a separatist rebellion in the southern provinces of the Philippines.

Three enlisted men in the 36-member peace party headed by Bautista survived the massacre. All three suffered gunshot wounds.

"As proof of the treachery with which the massacre was perpetrated, not one of the 36 officers and men of Gen. Bautista's party could fire a single shot in self-defence," said acting Secretary of Public Information Lorenzo Cruz.

Cruz said Bautista had arranged the meeting with Sali apparently in the belief that he was ready to surrender to government forces.

"The Moro Front men under Uman Sali robbed the victims not only of their guns and military equipment but of their personal belongings, including watches and shoes," Cruz said.

The Libyan-backed Moro Front has spearheaded the secessionist movement in the southern provinces from the predominantly Roman Catholic republic of the Philippines. Of the 6.5 million population in the area, only 1 million are Moslem.

President Ferdinand Marcos convened a meeting of the general military council yesterday morning and declared Sali and his band "as an outlaw group to be hunted down by the police as well as the armed forces of the Philippines."

A peace 100,000 (IL150,000) price tag was placed on Sali's head.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to fair.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	43	16-23	26
Golan	43	13-24	26
Nahariya	49	18-29	28
Safed	52	15-21	23
Rafit Port	50	21-26	27
Tiberias	38	18-29	33
Nazareth	53	18-25	28
Afula	45	12-25	30
Shomron	46	17-23	26
Tel Aviv	50	20-28	30
B-G Airport	48	18-28	30
Jericho	39	19-23	24
Caza	61	20-26	27
Beersheba	55	15-27	29
Zlat	21	15-24	24
Tiran Straits	28	24-34	35

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday addressed the opening session of the 10th annual conference of the Association of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, at Tel Aviv's Pal Hotel.

The President also received at Beit Hanassi a delegation of U.S. black leaders, members of the Black Americans to Support Israel Committee (BASIS), who are in Israel as guests of the Foreign Ministry.

French Ambassador Jean Herly yesterday called on Ministry and Infrastructure Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, to discuss technical and political relations between Israel and France.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel, MK, will speak (in English) at the Labour Zionist Forum tomorrow at 3 p.m., at Beit Hamlin, Tel Aviv. The public is invited.

A delegation from the National Conference of State Legislatures yesterday visited the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre in Ein Karem. The group, led by Speaker Martin Sabo of Minnesota and Senator Steven Royer of Maryland, lunched with Dr. Jack Karpas, Acting Director-General of the Hadassah Medical Organization.

The Jerusalem Rotary Club will be host today to 320 Belgian Rotarians and their wives, at 12.30 p.m. at the YMCA.

The Haifa Rotary Club will be host to the District Governor and hold a club assembly at 8 o'clock tonight, at the Nof Hotel.

ARRIVALS

Irvig Bernstein, executive vice-president of the United Jewish Appeal, is in the city today on a visit to Jerusalem.

Frank Poole, managing director of the Film Distributors, London, on a private and business trip to Israel. He was received by I.M. Churros, manager of Seven Stars Film Distributors in Israel. Mr. Poole is accompanied by his wife Kitty. (Communicated.)

DEPARTURES

World WIZO President Raya Jaglom left by El Al on Monday for Greece and Montreal to attend WIZO membership campaign, and for Washington to attend the World Jewish Congress General Council.

Marriage

Pnina Zygelsbaum to Shabtai Petrushka, in Jerusalem yesterday.

RACHEL BARNETT ר'ח

We mark the first year since our beloved Rachel passed away by going to her graveside, Mount of Olives, to say a prayer, to shed a tear. Monday, October 17. Meeting, entrance lower section cemetery, 2.45 p.m.

The Family

The consecration of the tombstone of the late

SOMA (Doci) KLEIN ל'ח

will take place at the Mount of Olives Cemetery, Kehilat Yerushalayim, on Sunday, October 16 at 3.30 p.m.
Betty, Victor and Joy Klein

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IRENE LANDAU

the tombstone unveiling will take place on Friday, October 14, 1977 at 12.30 p.m. at the Hof Hacarmel Cemetery, Haifa.

We will meet at the gate of the military cemetery.

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Kupat Holim defies gov't, plans new geriatric hospital

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Kupat Holim yesterday defied the government and decided to go ahead and build a 120-bed geriatric hospital in the Ramat quarter of Jerusalem.

Prof. Haim Doron, Director-General of the sick fund, yesterday told the organization's supervisory committee: "We are going ahead with the project, regardless of the objections of the government. And we will find the money, despite the desperate financial straits we are in for the needs of the elderly sick take precedence over everything else."

The Health Ministry recently rejected Kupat Holim's request to build this hospital on the grounds that the project had not received government approval. Yesterday, Professor Doron read letters, and minutes of meetings between representatives of the sick fund and the Health Ministry which indicated that the ministry had agreed to the plan as far back as 1973.

However, the ministry spokesman says the project has never been approved by the ministry's budget department, nor has it received a building permit. "If Kupat Holim goes ahead and builds it — and hopes to get a building permit and a retroactive financial grant after the building is standing — it is taking a big risk," the spokesman said.

During the committee session, Prof. Noah Kaplinsky, who has headed a special Kupat Holim panel to investigate geriatric health problems in Israel, presented an exceedingly gloomy picture, and said the situation would worsen unless public opinion forced the government to tackle the problem.

At present, there are 300,000 elderly persons (65-years-old and up) in Israel and the population "is steadily growing older." Some 230,000 elderly persons are Kupat Holim members. Of these, 85 per cent are healthy and can take care of themselves, 15 per cent are ailing and can rarely leave their homes, and two per cent are bed-ridden.

At present, Kupat Holim needs an additional 3,600 hospital beds for its members. It has managed to provide space for some 2,281 elderly patients, leaving 1,319 who are not receiving adequate care. By 1985, another 2,000 Kupat Holim members will need hospitalization — and no beds will be available, unless they are built now.

Dr. Kaplinsky stressed that every doctor in every clinic needs to be constantly aware of the ailments of the elderly, to make systematic checks of blood pressure, prostate, colon, skin, teeth, hearing, sight and limbs, and to teach the elderly the value of proper nutrition.

Knesset call to Petah Tikva parents to end their strike

By SUSAN BELLOS

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Representatives of the striking Petah Tikva parents sat with the Knesset Education Committee for 4½ hours yesterday.

According to committee chairman Aharon Yadin (Alignment), there was "a constructive discussion" but the committee's recommendations to the parents did not differ substantially from what the Education Ministry authorities have already suggested to the middle class parents, and which some of them have rejected.

Yadin, the former Minister of Education, said that the committee recommended that the (advanced) children from the Hess and Yesodot schools go and study in the new intermediate-school building on the grounds of the Amal School, along with the disadvantaged children from Morasha and Hamat-mid.

At a meeting last night in Petah Tikva, the parents decided not to end their strike.

The committee also recommended that the Ministry of Education and the Petah Tikva municipality consult on the matter and make their decision within a month.

Parents should be consulted but should not take part in the decision-making process, Yadin said. "The final decision must be made by the Ministry."

The committee's recommendations and Yadin's condemnation.

Histadrut to consider strikes to stop arbitration bill

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut leadership has decided to ask the labour federation's convention to authorize the calling of strikes against a bill providing for compulsory arbitration in essential services.

This issue has been a major source of contention between the Likud which won the May 17 Knesset elections and the Alignment which won the June 21 Histadrut elections.

A draft resolution tabled with the Histadrut's preparatory committee says: "The convention calls upon the Government to retract its intention to present the bill. Should this request be rejected, the convention instructs the Histadrut Executive to take public and organizational measures to prevent the passage of the law." The term "organizational measures" refers to strikes.

Another proposed resolution for next month's convention recommends a change in the system of cost-of-living allowance. "The Histadrut claims these payments lag far behind the galloping rate of inflation but the private employers have rejected the labour federation's demand to change the system."

In Jerusalem it was reported yesterday that deputy Minister Yoram Aridor has received unexpected support from the committee of Egged's hired workers for the compulsory arbitration bill. The committee wrote him to ask that the proposed law apply not only to air and sea transport workers, but also to surface transportation.

The Alignment has agreed to cooperate in the Knesset with the Citizens' Rights Movement, he said. There is talk about the possibility of the CRM's lone MK, Shulamit Aloni, returning to the Labour Party, but both sides have agreed to move gradually.

There are also continuous contacts with the Independent Liberal Party. Some of the latter's settlements are associated with Labour's Ihud Hakavut Ve'hakibbutzim, Peres noted. But the ILP has no decision as yet on Peres' proposal for closer cooperation between the two.

The Labour Party has halved its



Foreign Minister Dayan, arriving from New York at Ben-Gurion airport yesterday, went straight to the telephone to speak with Prime Minister Begin. Looking on is Ephraim Evron, director-general of the Foreign Ministry.

Strike of university office workers goes into third day

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The strike of the administrative employees in the country's universities goes into its third day today.

Representatives of the Histadrut and the administrative employees have agreed to appear this afternoon before the Arbitration Board in Jerusalem.

The university authorities decided Monday night that they would go to the Arbitration Board over the car allowances to be paid to the administrative employees.

The authorities say this is the only point of contention, while the workers maintain that they are fighting a battle for recognition of the principle that all contracts signed with public service employees are applicable in their entirety to university administrative staffs.

Shmuel Kreisberg of the Histadrut Clerks Union stressed that although they would go to the Arbitration

Court today, they would not necessarily agree to arbitrate. "First we want to find out what they have in mind."

Susan Bellos adds:

Libraries were closed yesterday at the Hebrew University and most of the offices were empty. Among the most urgent problems, if the strike continues, is the beginning of classes at the Pre-Academic Centre, which is scheduled for Sunday.

Students who wish to move into dormitories on the campus before term starts on October 30 will also have to wait.

According to a radio report, the National Union of Students has also appealed to the university workers to end their strike in order not to interfere with the opening of the academic year.

The Hebrew University spokesman said yesterday that the demand for increased car allowances was "actually a demand for a concealed wage raise."

Shavit attacks decision on instant coffee duty

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The president of the Manufacturers' Association, Mr. Abraham Shavit, yesterday attacked the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism for its decision to lower by 10 per cent the duty on imported instant coffee.

In a letter to Minister Yigal Hurvitz, Shavit said that the "professional officials of your office know that it is impossible at present to lower the price of instant coffee, which has been under your price control for years."

The announcement was an attack on Israel's coffee manufacturers and gave the impression that the public and importers were being invited "to intimidate local coffee manufacturers and force them to lower their prices against economic calculations."

Shavit said that Israeli instant

coffee exported to the Common Market was taxed and thus the lowering of the tax on the imported commodity was a one-sided decision.

An opposing view was expressed yesterday by a former leading industrialist, DMG Knesset Member Meir Amit, who said that coffee, being a product subject to sharp price fluctuations on the international market, could not be effectively price-controlled. The Price Control Committee, Amit said, worked on the basis of cost-plus and thereby opened the way for all kinds of price distortions.

Amit said that the only way to control monopolies such as that of Elite was to expose the company to competitive imports, especially since it could no longer be treated as an infant industry. Such competition was vital if Israel was to integrate with the European Community.

Alignment doves weigh going to Paris 'peace conference'

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Dovish Alignment Knesset Members Yossi Sarid of Labour and Naftali Feder of Mapam are considering an invitation to attend a conference on peace in the Middle East which will be attended by Arab leaders and PLO members.

The conference is scheduled to be held in Paris this week-end.

Shelli leader Arye Eliaz left for Paris yesterday to investigate the identity of the conference organizers before deciding whether to participate. He will also inquire as to the participation of European political figures.

Sarid told me that "we won't go if

we reach a conclusion that the meeting is designed to serve groups hostile to Israel and Zionism. But we will go if it is deemed to be an open and balanced forum for an exchange of views and expression of positions." He said he expects to make his decision today.

Feder told me he will decide by tomorrow evening whether to accept the invitation.

The Communist Party spokesman, Uri Burstein said that the Paris conference — officially the International Conference for a Just Peace in the Middle East — was designed to bring together 30 Western and Eastern delegations.

administrative staff and expenses as part of an attempt to cover a IL20m. debt. Ninety employees out of 220 have been dismissed and additional cuts are expected. Administrative expenses have been cut from IL25m. a year to IL15m.

(See editorial — p.3)

Goren: Time not ripe for prayer on Temple Mount

Jerusalem Post Staff

Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren revealed yesterday that he had turned down a proposal, made by Prime Minister Menachem Begin soon after the May elections, that the question of Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount be discussed — on the grounds that the time was not ripe for such discussions.

Interviewed on Israel Radio yesterday, Goren said he had made no plans to designate areas on the mount where Jews could pray, nor did he have any intention of doing so. He said reports that he was contemplating such action were incorrect.

The Supreme Muslim Council in the Old City of Jerusalem earlier issued a statement protesting a previous press account which reported Rabbi Goren as suggesting that he would approve Jewish prayers in certain sections of the Temple Mount. The Council said that the site, which Moslems refer to as the al-Akhas Mosque Compound, was entirely Islamic property and that Jewish congregants had no rights to practise any religious rite there.

Man strangles his wife, tries to commit suicide

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA. — In the early morning hours yesterday, Alexander Shmiedeman, his clothes dripping with water, walked into the lobby of the Accadia Hotel here, asked the reception clerk to call the police, and said he had strangled his wife to death and then tried to drown himself.

Shmiedeman, 32, is to appear in Magistrates' Court today for an extension of his remand on the charge of murder.

The body of Rimona Shmiedeman, 30, of the Shaviv neighbourhood was discovered by her eight-year-old son Misha after he awoke from his sleep and wandered into his parents' bedroom at about 3 a.m. yesterday. When the child saw his mother lying

on the floor, he aroused a neighbour who called the police.

Investigators later told that the woman had been at a note found nearby and a her husband, Alexander, as has destroyed our life. Shmiedeman, who was on duty, could not be found, a.m. yesterday he gave his and was taken to the Herzliya.

Neighbours told police of quarrels between the couple they had recently appeared the Rabbinate to settle their difficulties.

The Shmiedemans' marriage from Russia in 1968. Misha, three-year-old sister, Anat, 1, and a younger brother, 1, were living with neighbours.

State's witness gives details of murder

TEL AVIV (Itim). — State's witness

Meir Zarihan told the District Court here yesterday how he and two accomplices had murdered rival drug-dealer Eli Arul in Petah Tikva last August. Arul had afterwards burnt and dismembered his body.

Zarihan, told the court he had decided to testify against Yitzhak Ohana and Viron Elroy out of "feelings of remorse." He described in great detail how they had invited Arul to Elroy's apartment in Petah Tikva on August with the express intention of killing him and afterwards disposing of his body.

As soon as Arul arrived at the apartment and saw who was waiting for him, Zarihan said, he knew what was coming and tried to resist. Zarihan grabbed him while Elroy struck him on the back of the neck with karate chops. The struggle con-

tinued for a while, when Elroy, who was from Ohana and also twice, in the back and in the (Zarihan claimed he had at to shield Arul with his body no avail).

Later that night, after a television to pass the time, the men had Arul's body in a case to the Ashdod me'ir Petah Tikva, where they had tools to dismember it, and holes for the pieces. After and dismembering the Zarihan said, they buried it could, but had to scatter when dawn broke.

Zarihan will continue testimony before Judges Hiron, Israel Ghadi and Yosse Yichye, at a later date.

Witness held for perjury in wife-and-lover murder trial

The trial of Netanel Kramatsky,

charged with the murder of his wife and her lover last May, took a dramatic turn in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday when the prosecution's chief witness was arrested for perjury.

Tali Kramatsky, who married the accused's son Alon two months ago, was declared a hostile witness on Monday after retracting in court her entire statement to the police.

She originally told police investigators that she had been with Kramatsky on the night of May 25, when he is alleged to have murdered his estranged wife, Paula, and her lover, Ovadia Shalev, outside her home in Jerusalem.

She said she had driven with the accused to Paula Kramatsky's flat in Jerusalem's Greek Colony after dropping Alon, then her fiancé, at his army base on the West Bank. She said Kramatsky had left her in his car, returning after a few minutes, saying: "They've arrived." He went off again, and the next thing she heard, she told the police, was a sudden scream of brakes, and a sound of two shots being fired.

Kramatsky then came back to the car, she told police, and they drove home to his apartment in Beersheba. On the way, Tali claimed he told her to "look after Alon like a mother because he has nobody now." She also told the police that he had thrown "something" out of the window.

dow of the car.

But in court on Monday Kramatsky retracted her statement, claiming that pressure applied by 11 interrogators had reinforced to "get at" her future father-in-law and "bermantine him." She had fallen asleep in the car after the accused had returned to his army camp at Adura had woken up in Beersheba, she knew nothing of a Jerusalem.

When the trial resumed yesterday, the prosecutor, Asher Palg, examined the witness, and established that certain of her statements could not be known to the police — and words the accused had spoken before the shooting and in the way to Beersheba.

The prosecutor also was known why Tali had said she to incriminate Kramatsky, witness agreed to explain in detail the "bermantine" process which had taken place in the car. Kramatsky, in an attempt to clarify the trial.

Judges Eliaz Halevi, Cohn and Ezra Hedaya agreed prosecution's request that she be arrested for perjury. She appeared surprised, and was calm when she was led to court by two policemen. The trial continues today.

Police raid shoe store; dollars said found

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Acting on a tip, the police yesterday raided a shoe store in Rehov Akiya, in south Tel Aviv, and found army boots alleged to have been stolen and \$10,000. The key of a bank deposit box was also found, and this is reported to have contained \$80,000.

A 65-year-old man was arrested on currency allegations. His wife, 60, and their 30-year-old son were also detained.

Man arrested after alleged rape attempt

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Police has arrested a 30-year-old man on allegation of attempted rape after a young woman told th was dragged into the bushes Sderot Nordau but escaped.

The woman ran to a nearby station in Rehov Dizengoff to the police to the spot where the assault was reportedly dragging another woman in bushes.

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A South African gain for Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — French policy has rebounded to Israel's gain, at least as far as South African travel agents are concerned. They were supposed to hold their 18th annual congress in Deauville last year, but the French cancelled the congress at the last moment.

The Israel Government Tourist Office representative in France heard about the cancellation, and immediately suggested that Israel should offer to host the congress. The result is the 250 delegates who are attending the opening session today. ASATA, the Association of South African Travel Agents, is a professional organization with 300 members, and associate members from Mauritius and the Seychelle Islands.

According to the official press release prepared for the congress, "South Africa's political situation does not encourage tourism and this reminds us of Israel's situation which also fluctuates with the developments here. So South Africa is also faced with a lack of sympathy and the tourist agencies there have to come to terms with a problem similar to that in Israel."

"However, Israel has a great deal more to offer so that the travel agents can get together on how to break the barrier of unfriendliness." The representative of the South African Tourist Corporation in Jerusalem notes that the tourist flow between the two countries is healthy and growing. Tourism from South Africa to Israel grew slightly from the 15,300 who came in 1972 to 18,700



Signing the contract for the congress: (left to right) Gideon Rivlin, president of Kenes; John King, ASATA national secretary; Gar Nash, chairman ASATA congress committee; and Ray Goldenhuys, ASATA president.

in 1975. Then in 1976 it jumped by 28 per cent to 20,500.

The indications are that the growth this year will be even greater. In the first six months, just under 11,000 tourists arrived, compared to 7,940 in the same period last year.

Israel's tourism to South Africa has staged a spectacular jump, from 2,680 in 1972 to 7,235 in 1975. This trend ended suddenly last year and a 18 per cent decline was registered.

The South African representative explained that the decline last year was due to the unsettled conditions in the Southern African region. He noted particularly the Soweto riots, as well as the war in Rhodesia, and the Angolan civil war.

The vast bulk of the tourists both ways are group tours and family visits, with a small percentage of business trips included.

One big incentive for South Africans to visit Israel is that the flight to Europe through Tel Aviv is one of the quickest and most direct available. El Al operates three flights weekly in each direction, in cooperation with South African Airways, and it is reported that demand on the line is so heavy that the Israeli airline is considering putting jumbos on the route.

TEL AVIV. — The number of international conventions in Israel is expected to set a record in 1978 but faces a decline in 1979, a top organizer of congresses and special events told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Gideon Rivlin, president of Kenes, the country's largest organizer of international congresses (the Israeli and European term for convention) explained it takes up to five years to bring an international meeting to the country.

The peak number of conventions scheduled for next year is the result of decisions taken before the 1973 war, he said. Since then it has become more difficult to sell Israel to the world as a convention site. The reasons range from politics, to money, to services rendered, officials explained.

Hana Shapiro, promotion chief for Kenes, puts it bluntly: "Since 1973

'78 to see a record number of conventions

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

the political fight against Israel has become ferocious." Politics, it was explained, have entered every organization. The Russians have even threatened to quit international organizations which have considered holding a convention in Israel.

With the Asians problematic, according to Shapiro, and the Arabs and Russians not planning any conventions in Israel, only Western Europe and North America remain as potential clients.

There are two criteria used to determine whether a country is interesting enough for an international convention, experts say. First, are there sufficient tourist attractions? Secondly, are there sufficient experts in science, medicine, agriculture and other fields that would encourage international groups to meet here?

Israel is considered a top-rate

tourist site. It also has scored many important achievements in scientific and other fields so that it interests professional groups from other countries.

Although many good international conventions have been held in Israel the really big ones won't be attracted until prices come down, services improve and more charter flights are available, experts say.

For example, a cup of coffee costs as much as \$1.50 in an Israeli hotel while the price in the U.S. seldom exceeds 50 cents, it was noted.

Shapiro estimates that the number of people attending conventions could increase by one third if prices were more reasonable.

Rivlin says that hotel prices in Israel are competitive with the rest of the world. Then he chokes off an aside about the inferiority of services.

Rivlin is especially concerned about the costs of services involved in conventions. He claims that everything from the cost of printing brochures to the fares charged by bus companies for transporting delegates are far higher than fees charged by competitors in other countries. Rivlin believes the government should provide incentives or help defray the costs of conventions in order to make Israel more competitive.

Another difficulty faced by Israel is getting commercial sponsorship from major international companies, a practice common at international conventions held in other countries.

International companies either refuse to participate or agree to contribute money provided their names are not mentioned. Pepsi Cola, for example, once contributed to a convention in Israel on condition it remain anonymous.

Despite the problems, Rivlin has had many successes during the past 12 years in bringing conventions to Israel. Indeed he is planning to open a branch office in Brussels and another in South Africa.



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AVIV STOCKS 'Wait-and-see' attitude

AVIV. — The equities market showed a wait-and-see attitude as the daily turnover slipped to under IL50m. The narrow movement seemed to indicate a "wait-and-see" attitude. The market was firm. Bank Leumi added higher by one to 389 and added two to 420. The five active issues were all from the commercial banking sector and acted for almost IL5m. of the total trading turnover. Discount shares allowed to move upwards about restriction" and the shares bed 9.9 per cent to 1,770. Mortgage banks were held by "it-taking. The losses were really relatively small. The Israel Mortgage Bank options counter-trendwise and gained 637. Industrial Development pref. shares were dropped for 1.5 per cent to 232.5. The General Index of Share Prices dropped 0.48 per cent to 300.

Most Active Issues

Hapoalim (B) 480-2	IL2,381,000
Mitral (B) 275-4	IL1,948,000
L.D.B.	
pref. "A" 208-4-8	IL1,787,000
Shares traded:	
Convertible:	IL4.6m.
Index-linked:	IL27.3m.
Natad:	IL11.46-24g.
Offer:	\$222,000
Turnover:	\$268,000

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sp. 1985 (1)	b 517	517	
sp. 1987 (2)	b 728	728	
1988 (41)	b 383	381	
1989 (41)	b 393.5	393.5	
1989 5.5% (85)	b 418.4	418.4	
1989 5.5% (91)	b 350.7	350.7	
FINALS			
206	b 485.5	485	
313	b 570.5	570.5	
4% (3001)	b 321.6	321.6	
VERTICALS			
IDB	b 355	350	
Mitral (B)	b 322	322	
Leumi (B)	b 275	275	
Dalek	b 300	300	
Disc. Inv. (72)	b 314	314	
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DISCOUNTS			
Eligant	b 841	845	
S. pref.	b 720	725	
S. Bankholding	b 370	374	
in "A"	b 688	688	
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ad Mitral	b 275	275	
all	b 420	418	
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ad Mortgage	b 420	418	
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low but steady decline

W YORK (AP). — Concern over interest rates helped push the stock market into a slow but steady decline yesterday. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks fell seven points half way before the close. Losses outnumbered gains by about a 4 to 3 margin among New York Stock Exchange-listed issues. The market was faced with spread forecasts of a sharp rise in the U.S. money supply when the Federal Reserve issues its weekly report tomorrow. Such a rise would presumably lead to further credit tightening by the Federal Reserve.

shdod workers committee ousted

IDOD (Him). — The works committee at the port here was voted out Monday after serving for one year, following charges of "sabotage" for little work, such as leveling against the previous committee. A policy general meeting of redactors, a pressure group which been trying to topple committee chairman Eli Maman for the past 18 months, persuaded the majority it was unfair for committee members to draw salaries of IL10,000, when the redactors, who have a slack season, were getting slim pay-packets. Committee member Rafi Attias swung the vote of no confidence after declaring that he had decided to organize Maman's ouster because the chairman was showing favoritism to his cronies, just as his predecessor Yehoshua Peretz had done for so long.

argo landing rights in Britain discussed

Jerusalem Post Reporter. — The Israeli delegation to the 12th British trade talks which started in London yesterday has posed that Israel be given landing rights for air cargoes to Britain, through Cal Ltd. The arrangement would be similar to that with West Germany. The talks will also include the Arab boycott and the problem of non-tariff barriers.

One technology meeting

UFA. — The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is holding its first ever "shop here, at the Technion. Its focus is on technology transfer from Israel to countries in Asia, Central America, and from tropical areas. All delegates hold top jobs in their respective countries.

Will Israel Land Development Co. pass into private ownership?

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — It is one of the economic goals of the Likud to reduce the government's share in company holdings. The prospect of the switch from Government to private ownership has had a profound influence on the securities of the companies involved. Persistent rumours have pointed to the possibility that ownership of the Israel Land Development Co. may pass into the hands of an Israeli Jewish businessman. Shalom P. Doron, the managing director of I.L.D.C., has persistently denied that such negotiations are in progress. Yet the company's shares have recently had a sharp price run-up (IL3.80) and have appreciated by about 180 per cent since the beginning of the year.

The Israel Land Development Co. is the oldest and one of the largest real estate holding and development companies here. The activities of the company, founded in 1908, are a reflection of the practical implementation of the Zionist dream. From its earliest days the company's principal aim was the acquisition of land for the Jewish National Fund as well as for private companies and individuals. Chaim Weizmann was one of the seven founders. Originally it was incorporated as an English company with an authorised capital of £50,000, divided into 40,000 ordinary shares of par value of £1 each and 200 founders' shares of par value £500 each. The paid-up capital, at the time the company was established was £7,912.

From the outset the company set as its goal not only the acquisition of land, but its development and the finding of new ways of settlement. Its founders were convinced of the need to encourage the participation of private Jewish capital from abroad. This basic thinking was the foundation for what became known as the Ahuzot Plan. Under the scheme, Jews of means could acquire orange groves in Palestine, which could serve as a source of livelihood after their aliyah. The scheme, to a limited extent, proved successful. During the years before the First World War, the number of orchards, orange groves, almond plantations and vineyards, expanded greatly and added considerably to the economy of the country. The investments were satisfactory, and yields of 10 per cent on invested capital were quite common. In 1953 the company was re-incorporated in Israel as a public company, Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemet Le'Israel (JNF) to this day hold 95 per cent of the founders' shares, while almost all the ordinary shares are in the hands of the public. In a recent interview Shalom P. Doron estimated the value of the company's assets at IL3,500m. (\$500m.). The paid-up capital is in the order of IL30m. (about \$5m.), not taking into account possible dilution resulting from conversion of bonds. "We have avoided becoming involved in residential housing. The cyclical boom-bust nature of Israel's building and construction industry has little, if any, effect on our earnings. The only type of residential construction that we are interested in is the residential hotel-type," Doron explained. I.L.D.C. has acquired sufficient expertise in the hotel field to establishing a hotel management company. The relatively new Sinai Hotel, in the heart of Tel Aviv, where our interview was taking place, was one of

the hotels under management contract. The company deals with landholdings, rental properties and hotels. In recent years emphasis has been placed on the development of vacant land to produce a steady cash flow, and the upgrading of low-grade properties to high earners. The company's inventory of rental properties, industrial premises, offices, commercial and residential buildings is considerable. Its reservoir of undeveloped land is large. Most plots are in prime locations, many are in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. In keeping with overall planning, the development of industrial parks and workshops in Rishon LeZion, Beerseba and Haifa, is now underway. Existing industrial parks and zones are also being enlarged. Another area of activity is that of urban redevelopment. The company vacates substandard blocks and redevelops them. Thus marginal earners are converted into profitable ones. Included in these plans are the commercial and financial centre in the heart of Jerusalem, a residential area in Jerusalem, and commercial areas in the centre of Jaffa. For the 1976/77 period, the last annual report available, income for the year was IL45.6m., almost unchanged from the previous period. After-tax earnings of IL4.8m. were augmented by a capital gain of IL2.9m.

The recent rush into the shares of the company by the investing public appears to have financial justification. Although real estate evaluations, especially of undeveloped lands, are difficult at best, it would seem to us that an evaluation of IL5 a share of Israel Land Development Co. may not be an unreasonable figure.

Six per cent interest on new Government bonds asked for

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Treasury will today ask the Knesset Finance Committee to approve the raising of the interest rate on new Government bonds to six per cent. Bonds will, however, remain linked to the consumer price index only to the extent of 30 per cent. The purpose of the higher interest rate is to increase the yield, in the hope that this will boost the sales of Government debentures which have been lagging since the linkage rate was reduced from 90 to 80 per cent a year ago. Government economists in Jerusalem were sceptical about the effectiveness of the appeal of the interest rate, arguing that it had come too late. The yield on the new bonds will be 1.9 per cent if inflation runs at 20 per cent, while old bonds can be bought on the stock exchange which bring in between 2.5 and 4.2 per cent. Only if bond prices will rise by 13 per cent will the yield on old bonds fall to the level of the new. Such a rise in the price of old bonds will take place only if the public will

get out of the booming share market. Nevertheless, the investment in linked bonds remains the best bet for those investors who intend to hold on to their investments until the redemption date. The Treasury's move to raise the interest rate on bonds was the occasion for a sharp difference of opinion within the Bank of Israel. The economists of the central bank prepared a document — meantime shelved — in which they proposed to restore the 100 per cent linkage on Government bonds.

In their view, full linkage is more attractive, psychologically, than a higher interest rate, even if in terms of yield the result is the same. They also made the point that the importance of the linkage, which today places a heavy burden on the budget, will decline as the rate of inflation abates, while the interest rate is a fixed commitment. But while the rate of inflation is high, a reduced linkage rate represents a high risk of capital loss for the investor and leads to low or even negative yields.

Only 10% of IL260m. Cargal fire loss was insured locally

By MACAREE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The disastrous fire at Cargal, which razed the plant near Ramle ten days ago, caused a total damage of IL260m. Of this only IL25m. will be paid by insurance and reinsurance firms within Israel, and the rest of the tab, IL235m., will be picked up by insurance and reinsurance firms abroad. This is stated by Joseph Hackney, managing director of the Israel Phoenix Insurance Company. Hackney said that nine Israeli and three foreign companies had co-insured the carton-box making plant and its supplies for IL350m., plus another IL80m. for loss of profits, or for a total of IL430m. in all. However, since considerable raw material was salvaged, Hackney estimates the actual loss of property, plus loss in profits, comes to IL280m. Of the twelve co-insurers, the Israel Phoenix took the largest chunk, 46 per cent, for a loss of IL128m.

The eleven other companies insured Cargal as follows: Migdal Binyan, 10 per cent, Hassneh, and Commercial Union, seven per cent each, Firemans Fund and Guardian Eastern, six per cent each, Sha'ar, five per cent, Zion, four per cent, and Yuval, three per cent. And Hamagen, Adriafrica and Zur, two per cent each, for a loss of IL140m. As is usual in such cases, all the companies bought reinsurance to spread the risk, or sold part of the original policy on the open market. Thus, the Israel Phoenix itself, and its partner company in England Phoenix (London), and an affiliate, Continental Insurance in New York,

picked up a total of six per cent among them directly, for a loss of IL16m.

The Israel Phoenix obtained reinsurance for three per cent in Israel, and the remaining 37 per cent was sold in the open market in Switzerland, London and West Germany, to a variety of reinsurance companies.

All the other eleven co-insurers also bought reinsurance mainly abroad.

"Thus, the total loss to Israel directly is an estimated IL25m. out of the total loss of IL280m.," Hackney repeats.

He adds, however, that since reinsurance premiums will undoubtedly rise as a result of the fire, the cost to Israel will also be felt in higher premiums in the future.

As for Israel Phoenix itself, Hackney notes that the company is in excellent financial shape and can stand the loss.

"We have IL280m. in liquid accounts, in addition to our reserves, to pay off our insurance claims, and thus IL28m. is not a decisive factor, although it is probably the largest claim we will have to pay off this year."

In the 1975 calendar year, Israel Phoenix had a net profit after taxes of IL10.7m. In 1976, of IL18.7m. and in the current calendar year, the net profit after taxes will be an estimated IL20m.

Israel Phoenix itself is owned as follows: 30 per cent by the Hackney family; 30 per cent by the Discount Bank Investment Company; and 40 per cent by London Phoenix.

Cargal itself is owned in equal shares by two U.S. firms, "Union Camp" and "International Paper."

Efforts to get Histadrut members discounts at Histadrut-owned stores

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — All Histadrut members should automatically be entitled to discounts in Histadrut-owned enterprises, Ada Gilan, chairman of the Histadrut Consumer Department, believes. She has been fighting for this for a long time but next month, at the Histadrut's convention, the proposal will be deliberated for the first time as a convention resolution.

Shmuel Ayal, head of the Histadrut-operated Hamashbir Ltd., said earlier this week that his chain was not willing to give discounts to Histadrut members.

Mrs. Gilan explained that workers' committees can today buy discount tickets for workers at Hamashbir, but that they pay the store in full, which thus loses nothing on the deal. In fact, she said, similar deals can be worked out with private stores. What she and other Histadrut members want is for the rank and file Histadrut member to be able to walk into Hamashbir or Bank Hapoalim, show his Histadrut card and enjoy special benefits.

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Donations and matching funds

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Treasury will in future no longer automatically allocate matching budget funds for educational, religious and health institutions which receive donations.

So far, the practice was to match donations received by such institutions with equal budget allocations. The Treasury yesterday decided to adopt a new procedure, according to which donors wishing to support a certain project will have to apply to the ministry concerned. Only if the project is approved, will the ministry involved be allowed to allocate matching funds from its budget.

Each project will be covered by a contract between the donor and the ministry, and the Treasury will no longer deal directly with donations.

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Labour: looking for a new look

THE CALL by the moshav movement section of the Labour Party for a return to the framework and spirit of "historic Mapai" may be the first important sign of Labour's recovery from the paralysis that overtook it following the electoral defeat of May 17.

It is ironic that one of the leaders of this initiative, former Agriculture Minister Aharon Ussan, chose to speak of historic Mapai. When he joined the party as a new immigrant in the early 1950's, Mapai was already more "Tammany Hall" than the ideological movement it had been in the 1930's and 40's.

But ours is an age that speaks in code. "Historic Mapai" is a code word suggesting the necessity for choice between the two major alternatives now confronting the Labour Party — more specifically, for the choice of one and not the other.

Labour today can either become an ideological party of the socialist left, or it can fill the political vacuum in the area immediately to the left of centre on the party map.

The first alternative would entail the very real danger of a defection of moshav movement and former Raft members, very possibly to the Likud government as a faction to be organized under the leadership of Moshe Dayan.

The second alternative would similarly invite a breakup of the Labour Alignment, with Mapai picking up a number of Labour MK's to form a new party of the left.

The decision of the moshav Labourites is certain to set off a heated debate. Mapai's Yacov Hasan is already reported to be readying a proposal for replacing the Alignment with a broader roof organization that would include Labour, Mapai, Shelli, the ILP, and possibly part of the DMCC, with each group continuing to enjoy ideological autonomy.

In the other wing, many former Raft colleagues of party leader Shimon Peres are said to be urging him to take the initiative in shaking off what they view as the electoral albatross of Mapai.

It is understandable, that for the man commanding the stormstricken boat, the safest course might be to keep the craft from rocking. Mr. Peres has indeed lost little time in declaring that he will brook no attempt to break up the Alignment.

A do-nothing policy, however, is not necessarily the best or the wisest course in the long run. For paradoxically, it was the creation of the Alignment as a realization of Labour's old dream for "the unity of the labour movement" that helped lead the labour camp to its eventual defeat.

What the Labour Party needs is to develop a dynamic balance between vision and reality — between commitment to its own values of a good and secure society and satisfaction of the practical demands placed upon it by the voters.

The traditional political concepts are not very helpful in this context. They certainly mean little if anything to the vast majority of Israelis who have reached maturity or the shores of Israel after the 1940's.

The kind of Israel the present coalition stands for is becoming clearer all the time, and it may be doubted whether it represents the consummation most devoutly wished by a majority of the electorate. After all, last May this electorate did not so much cast their ballots for Mr. Begin as against the Alignment.

The challenge confronting the leadership of the Labour Party lies in articulating an alternative concept of Israel without encumbering it with the outworn symbols of bygone times. "Historic Mapai" would be an odd way of putting it. A party that entertains hopes of returning to power should rather look to the future.

A march out of step

THE TRADITION of the Jerusalem March — an outgrowth of the Four-Day March — started just a decade ago, in the flush of recently won victory and the historic capital's unification. The time has now come to have it discontinued — at least in the form in which it was staged yesterday.

The massive convergence of marchers on Jerusalem — a city grown truly big, but still with only one half-decent thoroughfare — is staggering. It very nearly causes the capital to shut down for one whole afternoon.

In earlier years the march used to be held during the intermediate days of Succot, a festival of pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Yesterday, however, was a regular working day. Thankfully, it was Tuesday, and many shops were closed. But it did not seem to make much of a difference.

Moreover, because it was a regular working day, the effects of the march were felt not only within Jerusalem, but far beyond it. Hundreds of Egged, and even Dan, buses had to be mobilized to move the tens of thousands of marchers, and public transportation was disrupted all over the country.

March Headquarters apparently failed to foresee the magnitude of the problem or belittled it. But it is the Ministry of Transportation — and it surely cannot be denied that there is such a ministry, even in its present headless condition — that bears most of the blame.

According to Egged's spokesman, all of the company's requests to the ministry for an early, and staggered, transportation of marchers were turned down. The ministry's own last-minute appeal both to March Headquarters and to the bus cooperatives to help minimize interference in the orderly flow of communications can only be described as a classic case of bureaucratic effrontery.

Certainly the march could be rescheduled not to fall on a workday which produces an extra enforced holiday. If there is one thing of which Israel has not exactly been short, it is holidays.

Independence Day or the intermediate days of Succot or Pesah offer sufficient alternatives.

In any event the disruption suffered in Jerusalem yesterday should not be permitted to recur.

The Government is ill advised, contends THEODOR MERON, in seeking to impose an absolute ban on the extradition of Israel nationals to

countries in which they are charged with the commission of criminal offences.

The case for extradition

THE RECENT PROPOSAL by the Government to amend the 1964 Extradition Law is, in my view, one of the most undesirable and harmful legislative measures ever submitted by an Israeli Administration to the Knesset.

It will be recalled that under the Bill dated July 25, 1977, the Extradition Law would be amended so as to preclude any possibility of extraditing Israel nationals to foreign states.

The amendment would protect from extradition not only nationals of Israel who normally live here but who may have committed an extraditable offence while on a trip overseas. It will also protect Israel nationals, including new immigrants, who at the time of the commission of the crime were nationals of foreign countries, as well as Israel nationals who normally live abroad and whose Israeli nationality constitutes merely a formal bond with the Jewish State.

An Israeli engaged in Mafia activities in New York, an Israeli involved in drugs and prostitution in Rome, an Israeli responsible for a major bank fraud in Zurich — none of these could be extradited to the country where their crimes have been committed, once they have secured refuge in Israel. This would, however, no longer be possible under the Government's Bill. The damage to Israel's reputation from, say, failure to extradite an infamous crook who has cleverly taken advantage of the Law of Return, could be enormous.

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Secondly, it is obvious that the Extradition Law as it now stands provides adequate assurance against the extradition of Jews — or, for that matter, non-Jews — in circumstances where they would not be likely to obtain a fair trial. The Law provides that upon receipt of an extradition request from a foreign state, the Minister of Justice may (not must) direct that the wanted person be brought before a District Court in order to determine whether he is subject to extradition.

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country of mass immigration, Israel long ago established, and has consistently followed, a policy aiming at the conclusion of proper extradition agreements with as many states as possible, so that this country itself would not become a tempting haven for criminals. Israel has also been sensitive to the interest of the state where a crime has been committed in trying the person or persons charged with its commission, and conscious of the strain on international ties which would result from a policy of non-extradition of criminals.

The possibility of extraditing criminals who are nationals of Israel was particularly important because of the right of all Jews — a right limited only with regard to persons acting against the Jewish people, likely to endanger public health or security of the state, or with a criminal record likely to endanger public welfare — to come here as immigrants, thus obtaining Israeli nationality.

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Even with regard to a person who has already been declared by the Court as subject to extradition, the Minister of Justice has discretion whether or not to order that extradition be carried out. Moreover, an extradition order which has not been carried out within 60 days lapses automatically, unless it is extended by the Court prior to the expiry of this period.

IT HAS ALSO been argued in support of the Bill that most other countries impose limitations on the extradition of their own nationals. But, as has already been pointed out, in no other country can nationality be so easily obtained as it is by Jews in Israel. Furthermore, it is a fact that extradition agreements concluded between states do not often entirely exclude the extradition of their own nationals. The usual provision is that neither state shall be obligated to surrender its nationals to the other, thus leaving the matter to the decision of the state of asylum.

Similarly, the European Convention of Extradition, which links Israel with 14 European countries provides that a contracting party shall have the right (not the duty) to refuse extradition of its nationals. It may be true that these European countries do not in fact extradite their nationals. But where, as in Israel's case, extradition rather than prosecution reflects the interests of the state, lack of reciprocity should not be a conclusive argument against extradition.

Of the nine bilateral extradition agreements Israel has concluded, only two (those with France and Luxembourg) provide for non-extradition of nationals. But even that prohibition is not absolute. A person may (Luxembourg) or must (France) be extradited if he was not a national of the state of asylum at the time of the commission of the offence.

The Government's Bill, however, goes much further in that it totally prohibits extradition of Israeli nationals in all circumstances. The Bill does not give the Government any discretion in the matter: that is perhaps the most objectionable aspect of the Bill.

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OF COURSE!! WHAT A DUMB QUESTION!
THE "WEST" DOESN'T RECOGNIZE FREE-LANCE

SEVERAL LEADING countries — especially some with common law systems — follow the territorial principle of jurisdiction, with which Israel has important ties (the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom), do not impose any limitations on the extradition of their nationals. Israel's extradition agreement with the U.S. provides that neither party may decline to extradite a person found on its territory merely because such a person is a national of the requested party.

Should the Government's Bill become law, Israel might well find itself in breach of the extradition agreements concluded with the U.S. and certain other states — unless those agreements are, by mutual consent, renegotiated and redefined. It is reasonable to assume that extradition agreements with Israel which disallow the surrender of Israeli nationals would have only marginal usefulness for foreign states.

Has our Government already decided the matter with the Government concerned? It is known principle that a domestic law cannot be a justification for breach of national obligation.

In conclusion, it may be that the real interests of the people are well met by the Law, and that the Government would be well advised to retain its position. At the very least, Law should only be amended in a way that the Government explicitly be given discretion to decide whether or not to extradite a person to a foreign state where they are accused of committing a crime.

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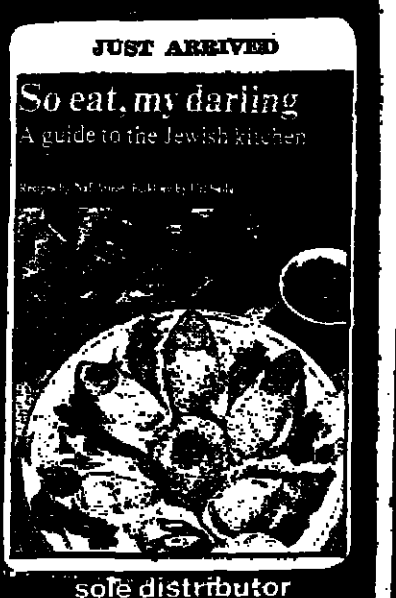
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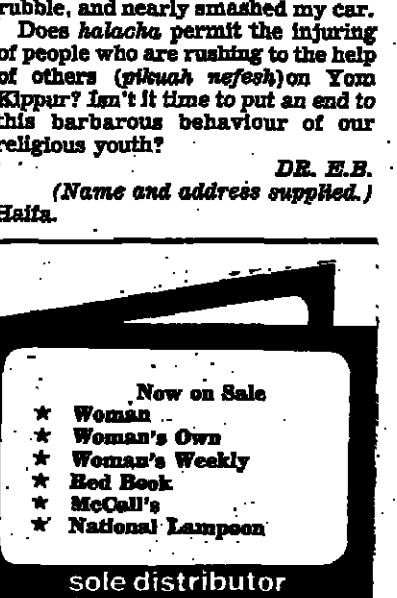
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